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SUBJECT: HONDURAS REACTS POSITIVELY TO ZOELICK LETTER

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On January 15th, EconOff confirmed that Minister of Industry and Trade Norman Garcia had received Ambassador Zoellick's letter urging movement on the WTO Doha Development Agenda in 2004. Minister Garcia said that his office is preparing a formal reply, but that his response is positive and supportive. Garcia stated that it is absolutely important to continue to push for progress on the Doha round, and not let the outcome in Cancun become an obstacle to further advancement.

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